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In compliance with the duty of disclosure set forth in 37 C.F.R. § 1.56, Applicants wish to bring the following items to the attention of the Examiner. A copy of each of the documents is enclosed for the convenience of the Examiner.

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The references cited below are not intended to constitute an admission of any kind. Specifically, this presentation is not an admission that the items listed below are properly citable against the above-identified application.

The following document is cited in the specification of the application:

- (1) Takebe et al., U.S. Patent No. 5,861,621, issued January 19, 1999.

Applicants also wish to bring the following items to the attention of the Examiner:

- (2) Takada et al., U.S. Patent No. 4,973,833, issued November 27, 1990;
- (3) Nakamura et al., U.S. Patent No. 5,289,286, issued February 22, 1994; and
- (4) Hagihara, U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 09/537,425, filed March 27, 2000.

Applicants consider the invention to be distinguishable over the above-cited documents.

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